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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments to the aboveidentified patent application:

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 2, please delete the paragraphs beginning at line 1 and ending at line 18, and replace them with the following paragraphs:

This application relates to United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/021,661 (attorney docket TRIRG-08851US00) filed on October 30, 2001, entitled "Intelligent Object Builder" and naming Thomas A. Wucherer, Cherisse M. Nicastro, Anthony A. Marnell III as inventors, the application being incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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This application relates to United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/015.903 (attorney docket TRIRG-01001US0) filed on October 30, 2001, entitled "Item Specification Object Management System" and naming Cherisse M. Nicastro, Thomas A. Wucherer, Todd Nisbet, Anthony A. Marnell II, and Anthony A. Marnell III as inventors, the application being incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

This application relates to United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/016,615 (attorney docket TRIRG-01002US0) filed on October 30, 2001, entitled "Business Asset Management System Using Virtual Areas" and naming Cherisse M. Nicastro, Thomas A. Wucherer, Todd Nisbet, Anthony A. Marnell II, Anthony A. Marnell III, and Herman Spencer Jr. as inventors, the application being incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to change any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this document.

Respectfully submitted.

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